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# The Forgiving Savior

Mark 2:1-12

March 25, 2018

**Sermon Series:** Mark: Discipleship in the Real World  
**Palm Sunday**

**The Big Question:** What does Jesus bring?

1. Jesus brings hope.
2. Jesus brings forgiveness.
3. Jesus brings healing.
4. Jesus brings amazement.

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

Date: April 1, 2018

### **Mark 2:1-12**

1. In 1988 U2 released their sixth album, *Rattle and Hum* with the song *Before Love Came to Town*. In it they sing of lostness, sin, and shame before love came to town. How did your life change when Jesus's love came in?
2. What sorts of obstacles did the paralytic's friends face in bringing him to Jesus? Why were they willing to work so hard to get this man to Jesus? How much are you willing to be inconvenienced to bring others to Jesus?
3. According to Mark 2:5, whose faith did Jesus see? How might your own faith play a part in leading others to Jesus?
4. According to Mark 2:10, why did Jesus heal this man? Physical healing was not his greatest need. How is it that our "felt-needs" are not always the same as our greatest needs?
5. Read Isaiah 43:25. Why does God forgive sin? How were the religious leaders from Mark 2 right and wrong about the forgiveness of this man's sin?
6. Read Luke's account of Jesus's triumphal entry in Luke 19:28-40. What happened when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem? How is it similar to the response of the people when Jesus arrived back in Capernaum in Mark 2?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Isaiah 43:25. Discuss how you can show God's love to each other by practicing forgiveness.